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## Editorial Notes

The right and vigorous use of the "Evangelistic Arm" of the church is a matter of absorbing interest to the whole church; and one to which the General Assembly may well afford to give grave consideration. We publish on another page some resolutions pending before Winchester Presbytery, which are full of interest.

There is a growing demand for increased activity to reach the great unsaved mass. How shall it be done?

The question of amending the Confession of Faith, or of taking steps thereto, as the famous "elect infant" clause, excited far less attention in our church than was confidently expected. Especially did a part of the Northern Presbyterian press rather glory in the fact that the project was launched. It evoked almost no attention and was acted upon and set aside by most of the Presbyteries with a quiet which was significant.

Another measure which was set before the church in at least some if not all the Presbyteries, was one looking to the modification of our ruling eldership's term of office, and seeking to make it limited and "rotary." The rotation did not rotate quite as smoothly as was expected. The wheel found some stones in the road. The project was swiftly discountenanced in some of the Presbyteries. The church does not seem to be in the humor of modifying its fundamental law.

Homes for tuberculosis patients are to be constructed on an extensive scale in New York City. Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt has given one million dollars to be used for this purpose. Several model tenement houses are to be constructed with a view to meeting the requirements of patients, especially in the way of furnishing abundance of air and light. The families of patients are to occupy the home with the patients as in normal family life. Moderate charges are to be made for rent. The apparent design is to provide for those who, because of business occupation or limited means, can not receive the advantages of a sanatorium in the open high country. It is wisely provided that the management of the enterprise is assigned to the tuberculosis clinic of the Presbyterian Hospital of New York City.

The present situation in Turkey is one of great interest to the Church of God. In recent years, Turkey and Russia have been the two greatest antagonists of the Gospel. Now Russia, under the action of the Duma, has somewhat mitigated its antagonism, and Turkey is moving in the same direction.

About the year 1879, a constitution was proclaimed in Turkey; but the Sultan soon ignored it, and proceeded to reign as absolute tyrant. Three or four months ago the "Young Turks" seized upon the reins of power, and the Sultan promised to observe the constitution. But shortly with the aid of insurgents, he began to ignore its provisions. Then (a fortnight ago) the Constitutional party asserted the rights of the people, captured Constantinople and have deposed and imprisoned the old Sultan Abdul Hamid, crowning his brother Mehmed V., as Sultan.

This of course does not change the religious belief of the people of Turkey, who are Mohammedans, and intensely bigoted. But we apprehend that the new Sultan, Mehmed V., will be governed by the provisions of the Constitution, and that under his rule religious liberty will prevail in Turkey. And this is all that the Church asks of the State.

The attitude of the Cumberland law suits is very painful to the followers of Christ. In the State of Tennessee, the unionists appealed two years ago to the courts of the State of Tennessee, asking for an injunction against the loyalists, to prevent them from using the name or privileges of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. The Supreme Court of Tennessee has decided in favor of the loyalists. And now, behold, the unionists are trying to take the issue into the Federal courts. They are beginning suits in the name of some church member who happens to be a resident of some other State, so as to enable a Federal judge to hear the cases. In all honor, after a party has selected his tribunal, let him abide by the decision of the arbiter which himself has selected.

In our notes on the recent meeting of the Council of the Reformed Churches, we said, "Dr. Alexander made an ideal host, and his introductions, albeit a little fulsome, were taking and most sincere." We take back all but the very manifest desire to say a pleasant thing of ourselves which the note displays. And especially do we apologize for that word "fulsome," to the more generally accepted meaning of which we hereby confess our profound ignorance. We used it solely and entirely in the sense of "full, abundant, plenteous, not shriveled," which we thought was the usual and accepted meaning of the word, but which we find is obsolete, and not at all in the sense of "offensive or disgusting by overfulness, excess, or grossness; gross; nauseous; especially offensive from excess of praise," which we find to be the present more general use of the word.